

AMENDMENTS TO AND LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-44 (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising:

a handle;

a head connected to said handle and having a first surface and a second surface;

and

a mechanical vibratory device which causes the head to vibrate;

wherein said head comprises a first cleaning element extending from said first surface that is non-movable relative to the head, a second cleaning element extending from said first surface that is non-movable relative to the head, a plurality of third cleaning elements disposed between the first and second cleaning elements and being movable relative to the head, and a discontinuity in the form of an opening in the head positioned between an inner end of each of at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements and a plane defined by the second surface to allow for movement of the at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements relative to the head, the discontinuity being defined only by the head and the inner end of at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements; wherein no portion of any of the third cleaning elements and no portion of the head extends outwardly beyond the second surface under any condition.

46. (Canceled).

47. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein at least one additional cleaning element is included in an area between the first or second and third cleaning elements.

48. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein the third cleaning elements comprise movable wipers.

49. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 48, wherein the movable wipers are mounted on a resilient membrane and rotate towards one another upon application of sufficient force on the toothbrush and away from each other upon release of that force.

50-76. (Canceled).

77. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein said mechanical vibratory device is located in the head or in a region adjacent to the head and operatively connected to an electric power source.

78. (Canceled).

79. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein the discontinuity is on the second surface opposite the at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements.

80. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements is movable toward at least one of said first and second cleaning elements.

81. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein the at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements is movable toward each of said first and second cleaning elements.

82. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, further comprising a fourth cleaning element disposed between said first cleaning element and at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements, said fourth cleaning element being mounted to and non-movable relative to said head at a location of said mount.

83. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 82, wherein the at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements is movable toward at least one of said first and fourth cleaning elements.

84. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 83, wherein the at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements is movable toward each of said first and fourth cleaning elements.

85. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising:

a head and a mechanical vibratory device which causes the head to vibrate;

wherein said head comprises a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, a first cleaning element extending from said first surface that is non-movable relative to the head, a second cleaning element extending from said first surface that is non-movable relative to the head, and a plurality of movable elastomeric wipers disposed between the first and second cleaning elements, each of the movable elastomeric wipers being movable relative to the head within a discontinuity in the form of an opening in the head positioned between an inner end of each movable elastomeric wiper and a plane defined by the second surface, the discontinuity being defined only by the head and the inner end of each movable elastomeric wiper; wherein no portion of any of the third cleaning elements and no portion of the head extends outwardly beyond the second surface under any condition.

86. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 85, wherein the first and second cleaning elements extend from the first surface of the head, and the discontinuity is present on the second surface of the head opposite the first surface.

87. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 85, wherein the first and second cleaning elements extend from the first surface of the head, and the discontinuity is visible with reference to the second surface of the head opposite the first surface.